

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: CLAIMS**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of extracting a lipidic active principle from a solid material coming from a nacreous mollusk, the method comprising being characterized in that it comprises the steps of grinding the nacre into a fine powder, of putting the powder into contact with a lipid solvent, of separating the solvent, and of extracting the lipid active principle by evaporating the solvent.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The A method according to claim 1, wherein characterized in that the nacre is ground to a powder having a mean grain size of less than 20 μm .

Claim 3 (currently amended): The A method of extracting lipids according to claim 2, wherein characterized in that the nacre is ground to a powder having a mean grain size of about 8 μm .

Claim 4 (currently amended): The A method according to claim 1, wherein characterized in that the nacre comes from oysters of the genus Pinctada species margaritifera.